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HYDROCARBONS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 18, 2008 and the Notice of Appeal filed on December 18, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Claims** begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.